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The Sports section contains a preview of the upcoming baseball season. The section also highlights the spring intramural season as well as GC alumnus Veronica Ryan's nomination for the "So You Want to be a Coach" program.

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Visiting scholar debuts smartest dog contest

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Eduardo Mercado III, Georgia College's spring 2017 Martha Daniel Newell visiting scholar, has brought his expertise in animal brains to GC's psychology department. While teaching a class on mammalian minds and holding community presentations about his research field, Mercado plans to hold a competition to find Milledgeville's smartest dog.

"It's the same contest you might test kids for: how well they can remember things," said Mercado.

The contest will incorporate various tests, such as the classic maze test that will measure the dogs' cognition levels. The contest will be open to any breed of dog, including mixed-breed canines.

"Most tests are not designed to pick out the best dog, mostly what is wrong with them," said Mercado.

He hopes to bring awareness to dogs' and other animals' cognitive abilities and spread his findings to students in the local high schools and middle schools.

"We hope to get volunteers that are in high schools and middle schools since they don't have the access to information like that in classes," said Mercado.

Ken Procter, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is looking forward to this competition.

"Oh I'm very excited," Procter said. "One of the debates is how much should scientists write for the public. Then there are these amazing scientists who can make their scholarships public."

Procter also hopes the contest will bring awareness to this research area.

"It's a way of bringing this whole field of animal cognition to the public," said Procter.

Each year, a new Newell visiting scholar for Georgia College is selected through a rigorous selection process from applicants from around the country.

"Every one of our scholars has been in a different department," said Procter. "Everyone has brought something that we didn't have before."

Students and local residents can take advantage of the many presentations and classes these scholars offer during their



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Eduardo Mercado III is GC's spring 2017 Newell visiting scholar.

residencies. Last year's visiting scholar, Michael Charles Tobias, provided public presentations and lectures and produced a film with the help of Georgia College students campus-wide.

Mercado is currently looking for volunteers to help with his search for

Milledgeville's smartest dog and hopes to announce the contest date soon.

Devin Crandall, a junior at GC, said he likes the idea of Mercado's contest.

"I would love to put my dog in the competition," said Crandall. "Oh, I know my pupper is the heckin' smartest."

New nonprofit promotes bike safety in Baldwin Co.

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A new nonprofit organization called Bike Walk Baldwin has formed from the former Bicycling Club of Milledgeville. The new organization advocates for pedestrians' and bicyclists' safety.

The nonprofit started as a social bike club full of people who were drawn together by their love of bike-riding, but the club members began to feel as if they had a greater purpose.

"Towards the end of 2016, we really picked up steam and started moving forward," said Tom Glover, president of Bike Walk Baldwin.

The club members noticed that safety for bikers was not as strong as they thought it should be, so they decided to make a difference. They started doing advocacy work such as placing "Share the Road" signs around Milledgeville, but there was only so much they could do at the time because Bike Walk Baldwin was not yet a registered nonprofit.

Glover is especially dedicated to this cause because a car hit one of his friends who was riding his bike at the time. His friend survived, but the incident shed light on the need for increased bike safety.

Jim Lidstone, director for health and social issues at Georgia College and vice-president of Bike Walk Baldwin, is also passionate about this cause. His main goal is to have bicycle and pedestrian safety education increase across Baldwin County.

"We established Bike Walk Baldwin to be that advocacy organization to do the heavy lifting in terms of policy and infrastructure changes that are needed to make it safer for people to ride," said Lidstone.

One change is a bike share program starting on Georgia College's campus within the next year, meaning that there will be more bike racks installed on campus and even on-campus shuttles for riders' convenience.

Additionally, GC staff will be painting sharrows on roads and creating separate bike lanes so that the Bobcats can ride more safely.

In order to spread bike safety to GC, Glover and Lidstone turned to Archbold, the president of GC's triathlon club.

"Biking is great for your health. It gets you up and going," said Sam Archbold, public health major and junior. "So you can use it to go the grocery store; you can use it to bike to work."

Dedicated to working with the youth of Baldwin County, Archbold has created "bike rodeos" with local kids, educating them about bikes and bike safety.

Bike Walk Baldwin encourages students to bike or walk to class instead of driving due to the challenges of finding parking near campus.



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Sam Archbold is the president of GC's triathlon club.

Safety concerns from GC faculty and staff prompt changes to online campus directory

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The Georgia College Department of Information Technology launched a new version of GC's online campus directory at the start of the spring 2017 semester, limiting information made available to the public in response to growing security concerns.

"We had a request to implement some security features that locked down the directory," said Kelly Rickman, senior web developer. "When we implemented that, we got some feedback that it would be better to go another route and have a publicly accessible version

and then a private version only accessible to people with a Unify login."

To accommodate the request from the administration for additional security for the information in the directory, two versions of the directory were created, said Jamie DeFoor, director of system administration.

The version available to the public must be accessed through a search for a faculty or staff member's name or email. Once the search is completed, only the title, phone number and email address are listed.

A department list can also be found under the public domain; however, the only available information is the department

name, campus box and phone number.

"One of the trends that has happened in some higher education institutions is stalking or disgruntled spouses or disgruntled people," said DeFoor. "We wanted to make sure that we're not giving more information than is appropriate to the public because we want to protect our people, but we want to communicate effectively as well."

Georgia College affiliates are granted access to more details about faculty and staff when logged in through a Unify account. An authenticated login delivers a comprehensive list of GC faculty and staff, providing a search bar to narrow the results.

When a faculty or staff member is selected, his or her office number and fax number are included in addition to the public information.

The data input process also received modifications with the new system through the use of records from the ADP and VOIP phone systems, said Rickman.

"With the older directory, people were not able to edit their own information, and University Communications was responsible for editing all of the records," said Rickman. "But now we have an import process that will pull info from these sources we know are reliable."

As certain information, such as preferred titles and office

numbers, are not available though the imported sources other than the previous directory, DeFoor and Rickman encourage faculty and staff to enter this information into the new system to make it accessible.

Though the directory provides information for students about their professors, not all use it. Mary Mason Beale, a psychology major and senior, explained that she finds a simple Google search to be a quicker way to find her professors' information.

"I go to Google and type in the name of the professor plus GCSU, and then it will bring up a link," said Beale. "I'll click on it, and boom, there it is."



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Times Talk attendees examine fake news

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Fake news, a trending topic in large part because of the recent presidential election, was the focus of the first Times Talk of the semester on Jan. 18, hosted by Pate McMichael, professor of mass communication.

"I think the number one reason why college students should be concerned about fake news is simply because they are just now learning how to differentiate credible versus non-credible information of sources," said McMichael.

"It makes journalism much more dangerous as a profession simply because we have already seen that the president-elect will try to lump credible journalists in with propaganda people."

Students from various departments, ranging from rhetoric to political science, came to learn and discuss this phenomenon, which many media analysts believe had a major effect on the results of the 2016 presidential election. Two New York Times articles were handed out before the event, describing the identifying signs of a fake

news story.

"I love Times Talk because it's civil discussion, conversation and dialogue about important topics in a setting that's controlled," said Caroline Olesen, a junior and English and rhetoric major. "Fake news is incredible important to talk about because it's such a big part of our everyday."

After a quick overview of the articles, the forum began with students, faculty and staff participating in a free-form debate discussing the source of fake news and its effects on people through channels such as Facebook and Twitter. Other topics such as generation gaps, education levels and political alignment sparked interests within the group dialogue.

"I felt that there was a lot of interesting dialogue, specifically about people's experience with fake news," said Shawn Fahey, a junior and political science major. "Sensationalism has been around forever, but I think it is important as informed members of the Georgia College community that we use the things we learned in the university to separate fact from fiction."

Times Talks are held every Wednesday at noon on the second floor of the library.



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Andrew Robinson, Hannah Leavitt, and Garrett Potts listen to comments.



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Caroline Olesen explains her opinion on the debate.



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McMichael warns about the effect that fake news can have on elections.



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Date: Dec. 1, 2016

Case: Two GC students were sent to Student Judicial for the possession of marijuana. Officer Braumuller found the two students in a car parked in the Centennial Center parking lot at 12 a.m. When he approached the car, the two men admitted to having just smoked marijuana and handed over the remaining stem and a glass smoking device. Additionally, they gave the officer a full bottle of wine and Vyvanse pills, which were given to him by a friend. The friend was also sent to Student Judicial.

Date: Dec. 6, 2016

Case: A traffic stop was initiated by Officer Powell when his radar unit displayed that a car was going 50mph in a 25mph zone. When the traffic stop was conducted, the officer smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the car. The driver stated he did not have his license with him, so he gave the officer his name and birthday. When dispatch ran the driver's info, the picture sent to the officer did not match the driver. The driver admitted to giving the officer a false name and birthday because he had outstanding warrants in Baldwin County. Officer Powell placed the man under arrest.

Date: Dec. 9, 2016

Case: Two women were arrested by Officers Warren and Officer Braumuller when they were found after a on the side of Wilkinson St. The two women had been in an argument that progressed into a physical altercation. The officers smelled the odor of alcohol coming from the women's breath. One woman registered a BrAC of .259 and the other a .127. The women were arrested on the charges of public drunkenness and were transported to the Milledgeville Police Department for detention and processing.

Date: Dec. 10, 2016

Case: While on patrol, Officer Powell found a man walking down the street carrying an orange traffic cone. Officer Powell made contact with the man in front of the post office. The man consented to a breath test and registered a .133 BrAC. After stating he was 20 years old, the officer issued the man a citation for the underage position of alcohol. The traffic cone was left in front of the post office.

Date: Dec. 10, 2016

Case: A man was verbally warned for public drunkenness and criminal damage to property of Exchange Bank. Officer Powell noticed the man kicking a sign in front of the bank while on patrol. The officer approached the man, who admitted to having consumed alcohol earlier that evening. Consenting to a breath test, the man registered a BrAC of .095. The man stated he was a GC student, but it was later discovered that he was not. The case is closed unless Exchange Bank chooses to file charges.

Obtained from Georgia College Public Safety



Date: Dec. 15, 2016

Case: A traffic stop led to the report of both a stolen tag and a missing person. Officer Powell pulled the vehicle over for going 45 mph in a 25 mph zone. A paper tag was attached to the vehicle and after conducting a search of the car, Officer Powell found a Rockdale County tag in the truck. The driver and passenger admitted to not knowing where the tag came from, and the passenger claimed owner of the vehicle, saying it had been a gift from her stepfather. When the tag was run, Officer Powell learned it was registered as stolen. The officer also ran the passenger's name through dispatch and learned that she was a missing person from Powder Springs. As the woman was not yet 18-years-old, Powder Springs Police Department asked for her whereabouts and contact information.

Date: Dec. 30, 2016

Case: A GC student was issued a citation for underage possession of alcohol and sent to the student judicial. The student was noticed by two officers as he wandered unsteadily through a GC parking lot to his car. After he entered the car and cranked it, the officers approached the vehicle. Officer Woodall said the man smelled of alcohol and when asked, he consented to a breath test, registering a BrAC of .190. The student thanked the officers for preventing him from driving. The officers escorted him to his GC residency.

Date: Dec. 15, 2016

Case: A GC community advisor received a tip that a student was using the spare room in her dorm as a location to contain trash. When the community advisor went to investigate, she found trash piled in the spare room. Taking pictures, the community advisor documented the damages and found multiple alcohol bottles. The resident also opened the fridge and cabinets, giving them to the community advisor, stating that they belonged to the other roommate. Both residents were sent to housing judicial for liquor law violations.

Date: Dec. 22, 2016

Case: Several GC officers responded to a call concerning the theft of committed by three GC custodial employees. It was reported that they allegedly stole custodial supplies from the Wellness Recreation Center. The custodians were caught on video camera removing supplies from a closet, valuing at approximately \$70. The three were approached by the officers after getting off their shifts. One custodian confessed to the actions caught on tape, and all three were arrested on the charge of theft by taking. The three employees are on administrative leave while an internal investigation is pending.

Date: Jan. 8, 2017

Case: Officer Powell responded to a home on N. Clarke St. to assist Milledgeville Police Department with a man who fell and hit his head. The man, unresponsive, was recognized by Officer Powell, for the officer had dealt with the intoxicated man on previous occasions. While waiting for the EMS to arrive, the officer found a round grinder in plain view on a table with a small amount of marijuana in it. EMS arrived and transported the man to Oconee Regional Medical Hospital. The man was later released, and his case will be referred to Student Judicial.

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The Bobcats are set to begin the 2017 season under a completely new coaching staff. Their first series is from Feb. 3-5 against Ohio Valley.

Baseball team prepares for season opener

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Under the new leadership of coach Jason Eller, the Bobcats look to complete their 24th straight winning season after finishing

2016 with a record of 33-17. Eller comes into the program after 15 straight years with a USG institution and has coached at numerous baseball programs

throughout his career. Coach Eller previously held a position as head coach at Augusta University, where he led the Jaguars to a No. 24 ranking in the Collegiate

Baseball's NCAA Division II poll.

He commented that the in-conference transition from Augusta's baseball program to GC was an easy

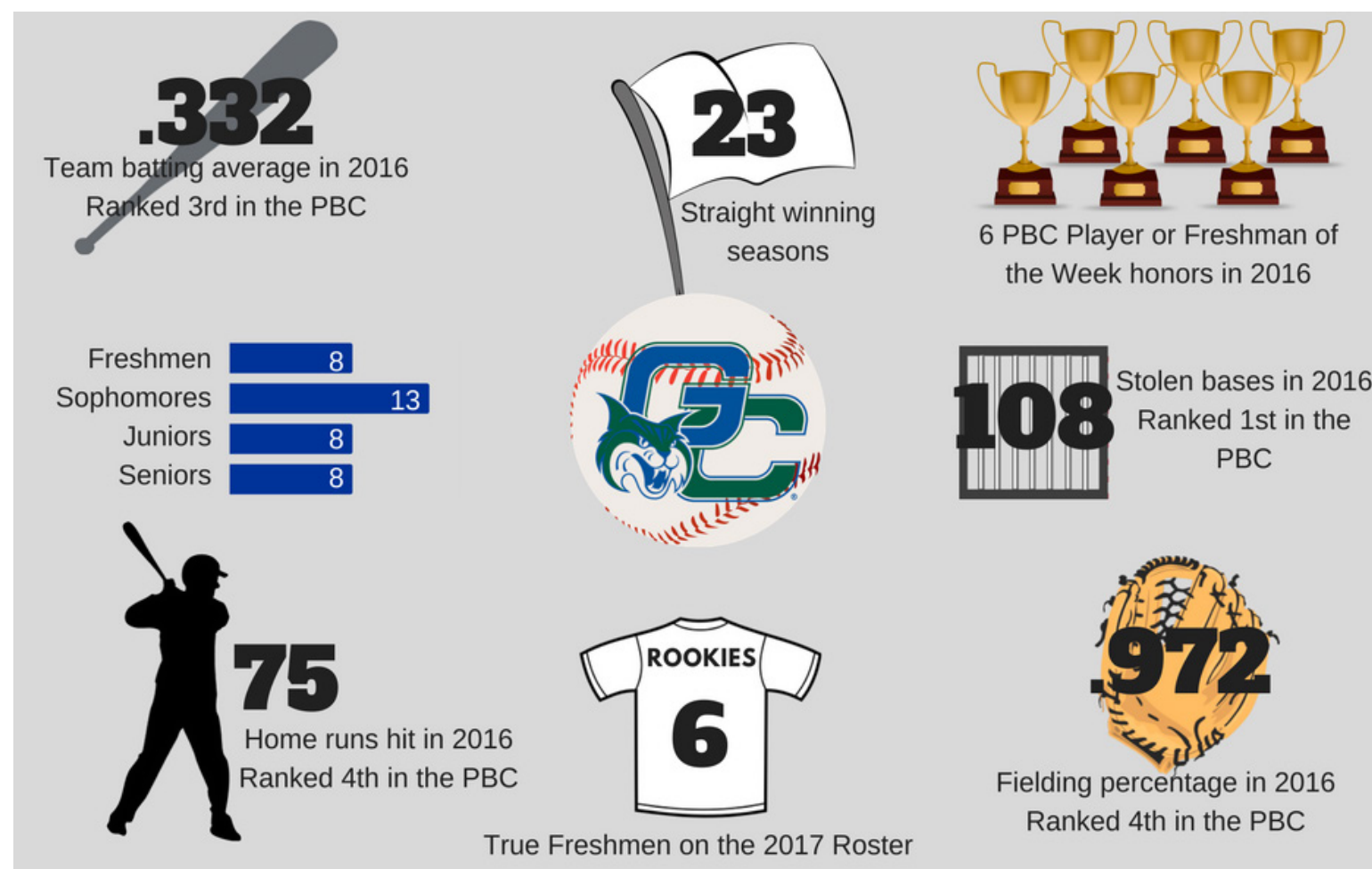
adjustment.

"Everyone was so friendly and I became instantly filled with Bobcat pride," said Eller. "The facility and program here is incredible and I'm excited with what we are going to do, and that is to play the game of baseball."

Joining Eller on the coaching staff are Nolan Belcher, Jake Sandlin and Kent Rollins, all of whom have recent experience in college baseball. Belcher pitched for the University of South Carolina, where he was a part of the Gamecocks' back-to-back National Championship teams. Sandlin, played three seasons for the Bobcats before transferring to the University of Southern Mississippi. Rollins joins the Bobcats after playing for Auburn University, Middle Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University.

"We're going to be good this year," said Rollins. "We also have some incoming

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Baseball story

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freshman that adds to the team.”

The new coaching staff inherits a roster that includes 23 returning players, including Brandon Purcell, a catcher and redshirt junior. Last year, Purcell ranked first on the Bobcats in stolen bases (31), second in OBP (.461), third in batting average (.349) and sixth in home runs (7).

Purcell is a key component of an offense that has been a strength of the team during their last few seasons. Among Peach Belt Conference ranks in 2016, the Bobcats ranked first in stolen bases (108), third in batting average (.332) and fourth in home runs (75).

Although the offense will play a large part in the 2017 season, the pitching staff seems to be a talking point this year.

“Our pitching staff is looking complete,” said

“Our pitching staff is looking complete.”

*Brandon Purcell,
Junior*

Purcell. “The team has a lot of depth.”

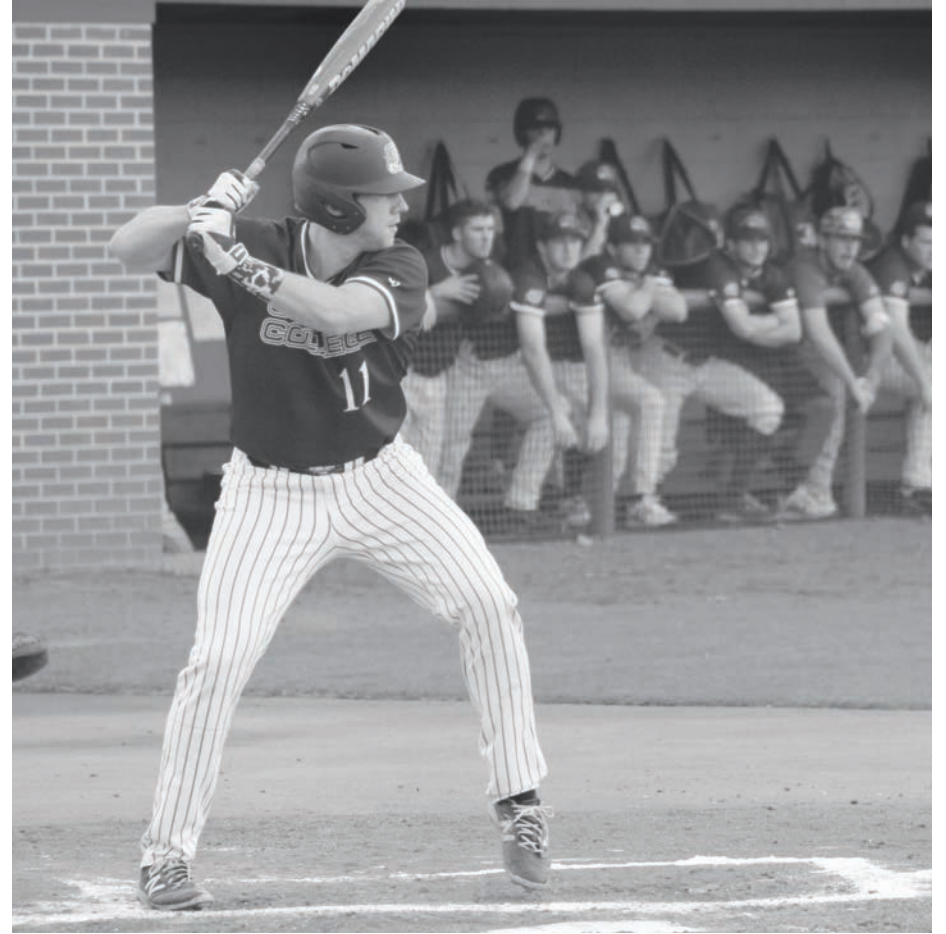
Leading the pitching rotation is senior starter Charlie Hecht, who posted a 7-3 record with a 4.95 ERA in 14 starts in 2016. Behind Hecht are pitchers Trevor Guthrie, Bradley Spinner and Logan Howard

allow the Bobcats to give their opponents a variety of matchups.

In addition to running a successful baseball program, one of Coach Eller’s main focuses is to not only improve on the field, but also in the classroom. His team requires players to perform well with their grades while advancing the baseball skills they need to win.

“We’ve got smart kids on this team,” said Eller. “They each work hard to earn GPAs above 3.0, and our players this year have the best academic performance in this school’s baseball program ever.”

Georgia College’s baseball team will be hosting Ohio Valley’s Fighting Scots at home from Feb. 3-5.



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Brandon Purcell tracks and waits on a pitch in a scrimmage against East Georgia State on Friday, Jan. 20, 2017.

Spring into a new season of intramurals



Photo courtesy of GC RecSports

Intramural athletes pose for a picture after winning championship.

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The spring season of intramurals already has 111 teams participating in basketball, dodgeball, indoor soccer, inner-tube water polo and volleyball.

For the first time ever, Rec Sports offered students a chance to participate in

bowling this semester. However, due to a lack of interest, the bowling league was canceled.

“We were all a little disappointed. We all enjoy bowling and it would have been a fun, somewhat competitive way to hang out,” said Brooks Britt, freshman and business undecided major.

Unlike the rest of the games that take

place indoors at the Wellness Recreation Center, the bowling games would have taken place at the local bowling alley in town.

“Because it’s the first time being offered, the number of teams is low, but it’s expected,” said Drew Bruton, assistant director of Rec Sports.

On the other hand, basketball remains the most popular intramural sport, with 50 teams already registered. Students show love for the sport by participating in basketball every season.

“I am looking forward to basketball the most,” said Jackson Welch, sophomore and marketing major. “My favorite thing about intramurals is the people. Being a ref and a participant, I love meeting all the staff, even when I’m not playing.”

Due to intramural basketball’s popularity, more stats are being recorded this year, such as rebounds and assists.

“It allows the game to look more participation-friendly for people to go back and check their stats,” said Bruton.

Rec Sports plans to hire 10 new referees for the season, resulting in a total of 95

employees in their department alone. With the growing number of teams, referees will be able to assist in more sports and offer more flexibility.

“Good sportsmanship is always appreciated,” said Welch.

Both students and referees are looking forward to friendly competition.

“Georgia College has a really good recreational sport system where we have a variety of sports and it’s very competitive,” said Colin Kouters, sophomore and accounting major. “I’m looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends.”

However, not all the competition takes place while participating.

“More crazy things happen while working than actually playing,” said Laura Boswell, junior and public health major.

Boswell is a referee and an avid participant in intramurals, having participated in every GC intramural sport.

“Intramurals always come first to me,” said Boswell. “I’ve cried over how much I love rec sports. It’s just for fun and it’s nothing intimidating.”

Veronica Ryan chosen for coaching program



Photo courtesy of GC Athletics

Veronica Ryan focuses intently against Tuskegee on Nov. 30. Ryan's 0.9 steals per game currently ranks third on the Bobcats.

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Senior Veronica Ryan was chosen by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) for their "So You Want to be a Coach" program. Ryan

is returning for her second season as a point guard for the women's basketball team at Georgia College. Her dedication and passion for the game not only stands out to the WBCA, but also to her teammates and coaches.

The WBCA selects female collegiate basketball players who are interested in pursuing a career coaching women's basketball. The program will be held March 29-31 in Dallas, Texas.

Head coach Maurice

Smith thinks she's a very driven and focused individual on and off the court.

"I think coaching is in her DNA with her father being a coach, she has been around the game of basketball and the game of professional coaching for a while," Smith said. "She has a really good basketball IQ, she understands the game well and she often sees things from a coaching perspective as a player which is a rare quality to have."

Ryan's knowledge and understanding of the game isn't the only thing that sets her apart.

"Her love and passion for the game is like no other I've ever seen," said teammate Christina Thomas. "Often times you're surrounded by college athletes, we all love the game so you don't see that one person stand out because we all have that passion and drive, but

somehow she manages to distinguish herself even from people who have made their lives about the game."

Ryan has had to spend multiple seasons courtside watching the game instead of playing due to injuries, but she has not let that hinder her determination.

"She's not the most athletic person on the court due to some injuries in her career but she definitely makes up for it with leadership and being vocal about what she sees and her IQ for the game," said Thomas.

Her hindered movement and the pain from her injury have forced her to approach the game more from a mental standpoint. That transition is when her interest in coaching peaked.

"I've had different majors and thought I would do something like physical therapy but nothing gets me pumped and excited like basketball," said Ryan.

The program is part of the WBCA convention where the candidates will participate in workshops and networking activities to strengthen their skill sets, giving them a competitive edge in their searches for coaching positions.

Ryan is looking forward to this program challenging her and the places it could possibly take her.

"It's all about networking, so it's all about getting me outside of my box because I am pretty introverted so this will help me to get to talking to people," said Ryan.

After graduation, Ryan hopes to land a coaching position as a result of this program.

"As her teammate and friend, I look forward to seeing what Veronica in a head coaching position looks like," said Thomas. "That's going to be exciting."



Photo courtesy of GC Athletics

Ryan dribbles down the court past Tuskegee defenders.

Youthful Bobcats learning from veterans

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The Georgia College men's basketball team began this season with a 16-man roster consisting of nine freshmen. Even with such a young team, the Bobcats are still above .500 with a 9-7 record. The team has a 3-4 record within the conference; however, they are looking to improve as the season continues and the young team gains more experience on the collegiate level.

Transitioning from last year's lineup, comprised of predominantly upperclassmen, the team has had to adjust to a younger roster after the graduation of four seniors. However, redshirt junior Mark McCorkle and senior Kelvin Nwanze have taken on leadership roles on the court and in the locker room.

"Mark has done a great job as a senior and encourages us to do better and come to practice prepared," said Garrick



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Kohl Roberts, a freshman, drives up the middle for a layup. Roberts is averaging 8.1 points per game and 5.6 rebounds per game.

DeBowles, a redshirt freshman.

The young bobcat team was unable to pull off a win in the Conference Carolinas/Peach Belt Conference Challenge, an annual tournament held to kick off the basketball season. After an 0-2 start, coach Mark Gainous rallied his young team together and managed to pull off five consecutive wins. He credited the

successful streak to the high pressure and intensity shown consistently on the defensive side of the ball, as well as rebounding as a team. The defense has been the biggest strength of the team, currently ranking 6th in the nation in opponent's field goal percentage.

One of the areas the team can improve on is shooting more accurately from the perimeter. The team is shooting well from inside

the three, but inconsistent 3-point shooting has been a major factor in the small deficit losses against UNC Pembroke and Augusta.

"Our defense and rebounding have been there for the most part, it's just our offensive efficiency," said Gainous. "We've just really struggled making shots as a team."

Gainous mentioned how crucial team leadership is in order to compete in the

Peach Belt Conference. It takes more than just the two seniors on the team to provide leadership, and Gainous is looking for more of the younger players to step up and take on leadership roles as the season progresses. Desmond Mitchell-LaFlam, a redshirt junior, has used his experience to lead his teammates.

"I try to lead by example since it's my fourth year

playing college basketball so I get the younger guys more acclimated to competing at this level," said Mitchell-LaFlam.

With 12 more conference games remaining this season, the GC men's basketball team will continue to gain experience and build more cohesiveness as a team.



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One New Year's resolution popular on college campuses is spending less money. Whether it's trying to put that extra cash away for grad school, saving for a fun trip for spring break or simply putting away cash for a rainy day, saving comes in many forms.

Luckily, in Milledgeville there are plenty of ways to actually keep this New Year's resolution. One of the inventive ways Bobcats save a little extra cash is through the Facebook group Bobcat Exchange, in which Georgia College students can post items for sale they no longer use. This can include anything from textbooks to clothing to finding someone to take over an apartment lease.

Jeff Skinner, junior marketing and business management major, used the Facebook community in search of a new

guitar and struck a deal that saved him \$450.

"I bought a guitar that sells new for \$1100 for \$650," said Skinner. "Things don't go to waste and people can make money off of something they are done with rather than just throwing it away."

Additional money savers are all around Milledgeville. Students looking for a bargain can go as close as downtown to one of the consignment stores located there.

Downtown Abby store owner Gina Stanley recently opened up shop in October after seeing a need among college students for a resale clothing store. With knowledge that saving money is in the forefront of most students' minds, Stanley offers low prices for new clothing with tags.

"You can save some money, you can make a great wardrobe," said Stanley. "We always have something on sale."

Stanley also offers store credit in exchange for clothes customers bring in.

"People can bring in their clothes, shoes, purses and jewelry and we will give them store credit to shop for new items," said Stanley. "You don't have to wait for the items to sell. It's like shopping for free."

While Downtown Abby is in the business of resale clothing, Upcycle specializes in refurbishing and has been making old into new since 2014.

"What we try to tell the students is if they go on Pinterest and see anything they want made we will make it and it generally ends up being much cheaper than if they went and bought something at the store," said Peeler.

While do-it-yourself projects tend to get pricey, stores like Upcycle make an effort to give students one-of-a-kind projects for less.

The Milledgeville community offers many creative ways to save. Many opportunities often go overlooked, but in the New Year business owners and even Bobcats themselves are inventing ways to cut down expenses.



Consignment clothing, jewelry, housewares and various odds and ends can all be found on South Wayne Street at Downtown Abby and UpCycle.

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24 HOURS TO PLACES

Writers, directors and actors collaborate for 24 hours to create six original plays

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Every spring semester, a group of daring creatives from the GC community gather for the ultimate time-crunch challenge: The 24-Hour Play Festival. This year, on Saturday, Jan. 21, your lowly A&E editor ventured in to see what it was all about.

The first hour commenced at 8 p.m. Friday night. All the writers, directors and actors gathered in the dimly-lit Max Noah Recital Hall for a flurry of introductions. Each director and actor brought one prop and one costume piece, which were piled into laundry baskets for writers' reference and collective use. Among these were a Harvard Dad hat, a faux fur vest, an 1812 Monet piece, a pirated copy of *The Revenant*, a furby and a dead kale plant.

After instructions for the next day, the directors and actors went home and the writers wrote from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next morning. Several of the writers were English MFA students, though some brave undergrads were up for the challenge. Mallory Sage, a senior and mass communication major with passion for screenwriting, said she had no idea what to expect going in, but that it was an exciting process.

"It took a long time, and few people, myself included, ended up starting over a few hours in because it just wasn't working out," said Sage. "I just thought, 'I have all these people counting on me, so it's gonna get done.'"

At 7 a.m. the directors met in the Black Box theater to review the fresh scripts. An hour later, the actors arrived to find out casting, have a quick breakfast and promptly begin rehearsals.

At about 1:30, nearly halfway through a full day of rehearsals, preparation for the night's show was briefly halted by sirens and phone calls from Campus Safety, signaling a tornado warning in Baldwin County. The casts crammed together in the upper lobby of the Black Box and many said they used the down time to mumble lines to each other while waiting for the storm to pass.

Around 4 p.m., with just under four hours left for rehearsal, I checked in on the fearless casts.

"We have a more serious scene than everybody else so it's a little more challenging, it takes a little bit more, but they're doing a great job. They'll be ready," said director Mary Moccia, a senior and theater major.

Ready or not, the show began promptly at 8 p.m. Six ten-minute plays were featured that included a light-hearted



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speed-dating game show, a sitcom-style exploration of petty arguments, a fratty murder saga with a hilarious plot twist and the drama of a time-traveling barber, among others.

When the show ended, I caught up with some cast members and directors who were gassed but exhilarated. Actress Dana Brigance, a sophomore and double major in rhetoric and creative writing, said she loved working on such a tight deadline, even with eventual crash at the end of the day.

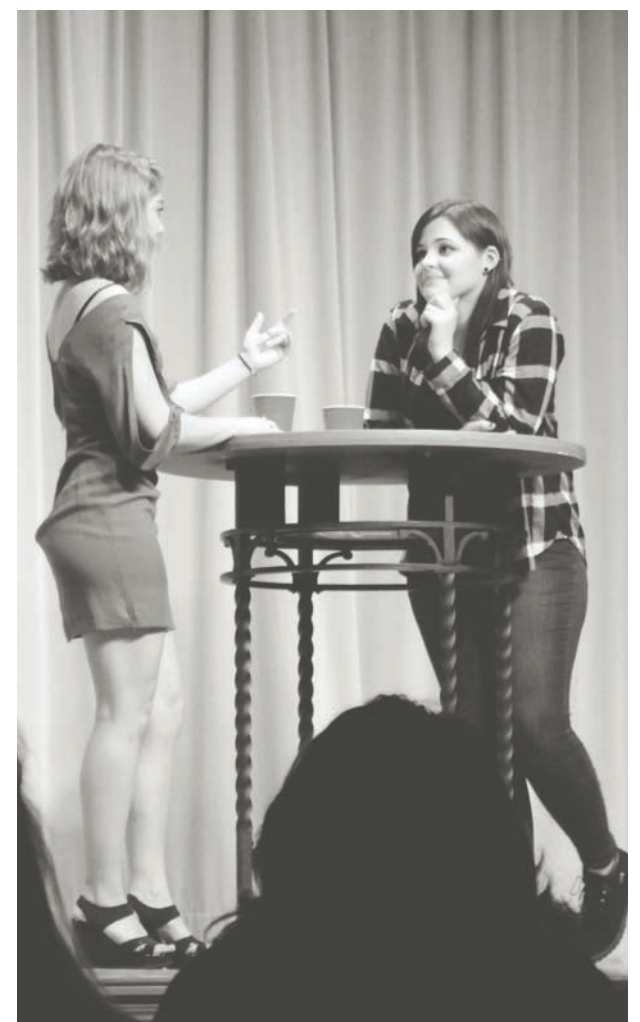
"I feel it in the back of my head right now because I've been running on just caffeine," said Brigance of her post-show exhaustion. But it was well worth it. "I love the adrenaline. I was with an amazing group. My cast was a powerhouse."

Director Clay Garland, a senior and theater major, said that the crunched time during the day was stressful and sometimes uncertain, but that the end result was always worth it.

"There's the worry that I didn't give them the tools they needed to make this thing successful but then it always ends up great, even things you thought you didn't fix become fixed," said Garland. "It's extremely rewarding and very surprising every time."

If you are interested in getting involved with other low-key theater events like this later this semester, keep an eye out for Directing II Scenes auditions in the next few weeks.

The 24 Hour Play Festival culminated Saturday night with a performance that featured six new original plays.





Q: What was your New Year's resolution and how soon do you intend on breaking it?

Compiled by Dallas Fletcher



"Um, I guess it was to be more on track with homework and I've broken it already...I'm behind."

- Sullivan Hogan, sophomore and pre-nursing major



"My New Year's resolution is to become closer to God and I have skipped church two Sundays in a row so I haven't really broken it but I'm not following it very hard."

- Nicole Humphries, freshman and biology major



"I want to read more books and keep exercising every day. So far I go running everyday but reading is kinda hard for me so I may not reach my resolution in that sense but I still will try very hard to do it."

- Summer Xia, English major and foreign exchange student

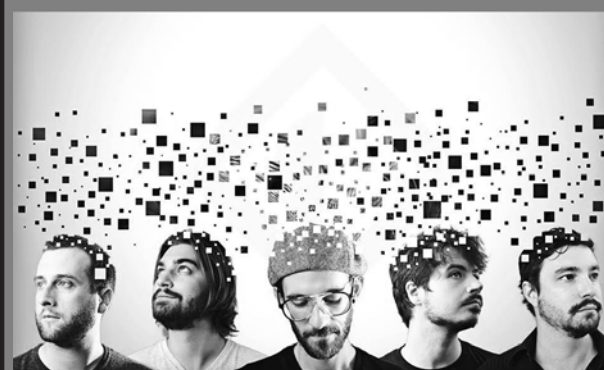
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Homecoming events are out of this world

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Georgia College works hard promoting events to increase student involvement on and off campus. The Office of Student Involvement and the Campus Activities Board continuously host events that allow Georgia College students to come together.

Spring semester is a very busy time of year as some of GC’s largest events take place in the spring, especially homecoming. This year, homecoming week begins on Monday, Feb. 13, with the theme “Bobcat Nation: Center of the Universe.”

“We worked really hard to come up with a theme that everyone will enjoy, so we are super excited about it,” said Ryan Price, junior and mass communication major.

The week will start out on Wednesday, Feb. 15, with a massive paint party in Magnolia Ballroom hosted by

DEGY Entertainment. DEGY is a company that travels all around the world hosting different university events.

The event will include a professional DJ, lots of paint and tarps to cover the walls and floors for optimal paint fun.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, inflatable laser tag will be offered in the Centennial Center. There will be an assortment of inflatables to jump around while playing laser tag.

“They had inflatable laser tag during homecoming week a few years ago, and it was my favorite part,” said Bailey Kostensky, junior and accounting major. “I cannot wait to play it again this year.”

Friday and Saturday kick off the weekend with the most popular homecoming events. The annual homecoming concert is hosted on Friday, Feb. 17. Students are excited about this year’s lineup, which includes Hoodie Allen, X Ambassadors and Family and Friends.

“Hoodie Allen is one of my all-time favorites but I have never seen him in concert, so I am super pumped

for this year’s lineup,” said Claudia Connors, junior and exercise science major.

The weekend culminates on Saturday, Feb. 18, with GC’s biggest tailgate, Tent City, followed by the GC basketball teams playing the Clayton State Lakers on Saturday afternoon.

Homecoming is an exciting event for students because it allows everyone to come together.

“Since we do not have a football team, I have always really enjoyed homecoming,” said Chaney Schumacher, senior and double major in Marketing and Business Management. “It brings everyone together as a community and allows us to celebrate the wonderful university we attend.”

Tickets are currently available through OrgSync and in the CAB Offices in Magnolia. Students can purchase concert tickets for \$5. GC Faculty can purchase tickets for \$10 and general admission for non-GC personal is \$25.

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